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**House Bills**


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**HB 1032** by Representatives Kirby, Roach, Simpson and Schual-Berke; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Adopting the interstate insurance product regulation compact.

Declares that, under the terms and conditions of this act, the state of Washington seeks to join with other states and establish the interstate insurance product regulation compact and thus become a member of the interstate insurance product regulation commission.

Declares that the purposes of the compact under this act are, through means of joint and cooperative action among the compacting states: (1) To promote and protect the interest of consumers of individual and group annuity, life insurance, disability income, and long-term care insurance products;

(2) To develop uniform standards for insurance products covered under the compact;

(3) To establish a central clearinghouse to receive and provide prompt review of insurance products covered under the compact and, in certain cases, advertisements related thereto, submitted by insurers authorized to do business in one or more compacting states;

(4) To give appropriate regulatory approval to those product filings and advertisements satisfying the applicable uniform standard;

(5) To improve coordination of regulatory resources and expertise between state insurance departments regarding the setting of uniform standards and review of insurance products covered under the compact;

(6) To create the interstate insurance product regulation commission; and

(7) To perform these and such other related functions as may be consistent with the state regulation of the business of insurance.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

**HB 1033** by Representatives Kirby, Roach, Morrell and Simpson; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Regulating insurable interests and employer-owned life insurance.

Provides for the regulation of insurable interests and employer-owned life insurance.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

**HB 1034** by Representatives Kirby, Roach and Simpson; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Conducting the administrative supervision of financially distressed insurers.

Provides that an insurer may be subject to administrative supervision by the commissioner if upon examination or at any other time it appears in the

commissioner's discretion that: (1) The insurer's condition renders the continuance of its business hazardous to the public or to its insureds;

(2) The insurer has or appears to have exceeded its powers granted under its certificate of authority and applicable law;

(3) The insurer has failed to comply with the applicable provisions of Title 48 RCW;

(4) The business of the insurer is being conducted fraudulently; or

(5) The insurer gives its consent.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Financial Institutions & Insurance.

**HB 1035** by Representatives Kirby, Roach, Simpson and Schual-Berke; by request of Insurance Commissioner

Providing confidentiality to certain insurance commissioner examinations.

Provides confidentiality to certain insurance commissioner examinations.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to State Government Operations & Accountability.

**HB 1036** by Representative Sommers; by request of Office of Financial Management

Making 2005-07 operating appropriations based on current law.

Makes 2005-07 operating appropriations based on current law.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

**HB 1037** by Representative Sommers; by request of Governor Locke

Making 2003-05 supplemental operating appropriations.

Makes 2003-05 supplemental operating appropriations.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

**HB 1038** by Representative Sommers; by request of Governor Locke

Making 2005-07 operating appropriations.

Makes 2005-07 operating appropriations.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

**HB 1039** by Representative Sommers; by request of Office of Financial Management

Creating a general fund working capital designation.

Creates the ready reserve account in the state treasury. Beginning with fiscal year 2006, at the end of each fiscal year, the state treasurer shall deposit in the ready reserve

account all general fund-state revenues in excess of the expenditures from general fund-state appropriations for that fiscal year, up to the state expenditure limit for that fiscal year.

Directs the office of financial management to determine the amount that is in excess of the expenditures from the general fund-state appropriation for that fiscal year and inform the state treasurer.

Provides that the ready reserve account fund balance shall not exceed five percent of annual general fund-state revenues. Any balance in excess of five percent shall be transferred upon notice by the office of financial management, but no less than once per fiscal year by the state treasurer, to the emergency reserve fund.

Authorizes the legislature to appropriate moneys from the ready reserve account with a simple majority vote of both houses of the legislature.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

**HB 1040** by Representative Sommers; by request of Office of Financial Management

Regarding the operations of residential habilitation centers. Revises provisions relating to the operations of residential habilitation centers. Repeals RCW 71A.20.030.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Children & Family Services.

**HB 1041** by Representative Sommers; by request of Office of Financial Management

Revising the nursing facility medicaid payment system. Revises the nursing facility medicaid payment system. Repeals RCW 74.46.433 and 74.46.439.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

**HB 1042** by Representative Sommers; by request of Governor Locke

Moving the early childhood education and assistance program into the department of social and health services. Declares that the early childhood education and assistance program is a comprehensive preschool program designed to aid at-risk children, and to enhance readiness for success in school and life. The needs of the children and their families will be best served if it is consolidated with other early childhood services.

Finds that administering similar programs from the same agency will have the benefit of improving connections with social supports, better connection between the child care programs and the preschool program for both the families and the providers, and greater administrative efficiencies.

Creates a nine-member steering committee, which committee shall advise the department on the ongoing promotion and operation of the early childhood education and assistance program. This advice shall include: (1) Program standards, which shall be guided by appropriate research;

(2) Development of partnerships among providers of

early learning programs;

(3) Development of opportunities for professional development; and

(4) Identifying opportunities to build upon existing programs and resources by increasing program quality, connecting related services, and simplifying program administration.

Repeals RCW 28A.215.140 and 28A.215.190.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Education.

**HB 1043** by Representative Sommers; by request of Office of Financial Management

Adjusting public pension gain-sharing increase amounts. Revises public pension gain-sharing increase amounts.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

**HB 1044** by Representative Sommers; by request of Office of Financial Management

Changing pension funding methodology. Revises pension funding methodology.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

**HB 1045** by Representative Sommers; by request of Office of Financial Management

Creating the gambling account. Establishes the gambling account.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

**HB 1046** by Representative Sommers; by request of Office of Financial Management

Limiting the use of the public safety and education account. Limits the use of the public safety and education account.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Appropriations.

**HB 1047** by Representative Hudgins

Concerning energy resource planning and renewable energy standards.

Declares an intent to establish a goal of encouraging the construction and development of renewable energy in the state of Washington to meet increasing demands for affordable and reliable electricity. Since electricity supply may lag behind electricity demand, the result may be a sharp increase in electricity prices.

Finds that it is desirable to shorten the time it takes to bring new electricity generation to market. Washington is a leader in the development of renewable energy technologies and the legislature acknowledges that encouraging the development of renewable technologies in meeting increased electricity demand will create jobs for

Washington's citizens.

Requires the department to review the integrated resource plans of consumer-owned utilities and prepare a report to the legislature. The report shall include a statewide summary of utility load forecasts, load/resource balance, and utility plans for the development of thermal generation, renewable resources, and efficiency resources. The commission shall provide the department with data summarizing activities of investor-owned utilities for use in the department's statewide summary.

Directs the department to submit the initial report by December 1, 2006, and subsequent reports every two years thereafter. Where appropriate, the department may include reports required by this section within the biennial report required under RCW 43.21F.045.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Tech, Energy & Com.

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**Senate Bills**

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**SB 5039** by Senators Rasmussen and Schoesler; by request of Department of Agriculture

Regulating the processing of milk and milk products.

Designates regulations for the processing of milk and milk products.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Agriculture & Rural Economic Development.

**SB 5040** by Senators Shin and Hewitt; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development

Providing additional funding for the community economic revitalization board's programs.

Appropriates the sum of two million two hundred fifty thousand dollars from the general fund-state for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, and the sum of two million two hundred fifty thousand dollars is appropriated from the general fund-state for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, to the department of community, trade, and economic development solely for deposit in the public facility construction loan revolving account for the purposes of chapter 43.160 RCW.

Authorizes the department of community, trade, and economic development to enter into an agreement with the community economic revitalization board to implement the small business incubator program under RCW 43.176.030 and to serve as the department's designee in making expenditures from the small business incubator account under RCW 43.176.040.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to International Trade & Economic Development.

**SB 5041** by Senator McCaslin

Revising deadly weapon and firearm sentence range enhancements.

Amends RCW 9.94A.533 relating to discretionary weapons enhancements for sentence ranges.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

**SB 5042** by Senator McCaslin

Tolling the statute of limitations for felonies.

Provides that, in any felony case, the periods of limitation prescribed in this act run from the date of commission or within one year from the date on which the identity of the suspect is conclusively established by deoxyribonucleic acid testing, whichever is later.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 11 First reading, referred to Judiciary.

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**Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

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**SCR 8400** by Senators Brown and Esser

Establishing cutoff dates for the 2005 regular session.

Establishes cutoff dates for the 2005 regular session.

**-- 2005 REGULAR SESSION --**

Jan 7 Prefiled for introduction.  
 Jan 10 Read first time, rules suspended, and placed on second reading calendar.  
 Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.  
 Third reading, adopted.